ABOUT THE STORY

Moli det bigibigi (Molly the Pig) is a story written by Binjari author and artist Karen Manbulloo. It is illustrated by the Binjari Buk Mob, a group of Indigenous women located near Katherine in the Northern Territory. The story is written in Kriol with English translation, and follows the journey of *Moli det bigibigi* as she is rescued from the bush and becomes a part of the community. It is based on a true story.

Use these activity ideas to help your child explore the story of *Moli det bigibigi*, and the Kriol language.

Purchase your own version of the *Moli det bigibigi* storybook **here**.

Link to *Moli det bigibigi* video:

Kriol and English translation

ABOUT THE LANGUAGE

Kriol is the most widely spoken First Nations language in Australia today. It is spoken by an estimated 20,000 or more First Nations people in communities throughout a large part of Northern Australia.

Some people misunderstand Kriol and suggest it is a version of English, but Kriol is a different language from English, a new Aboriginal language.

Kriol speakers are still connected with their traditional languages and they speak these languages as much as they have had the opportunity to hear, learn and use them.

You can learn more about the Kriol language in Moli det bigibigi **here**.

DID YOU KNOW:
The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2022 2032 the Decade of Indigenous Languages?

ACTIVITIES

PRINTABLE ACTIVITY SHEETS

Download and print these activities to complete.

1. **Memory card game.**
2. **Bilingual word search.**
3. **Make your own pig mask.**

OTHER IDEAS

- **MUDDY BIGIBIGIS**

  Mix brown paint with cornstarch and water. Add plastic pigs for a sensory play experience, or make cut out pig feet and paint a scene from the story.

- **LITTLE BIGIBIGIS**

  Act out some of the scenes in the story and imagine some of the noises and movements Moli might make such as oinking, rolling around in mud, eating etc.

- **PLAY DOUGH BIGIBIGIS**

  Using play dough, create Moli and some of the characters in the story. Encourage imaginative play to create the next part of the story.

- **BIKKY BIGIBIGIS**

  Create little edible Moli faces by decorating sweet biscuits with icing and edible decorations.

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